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PATENT

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Application No.: 10/026,301

Group No.: 1616

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Examiner: Alton N. Pryor

For: METHOD OF IMPROVING YIELD AND VIGOR OF PLANTS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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## ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An amendment  
New arguments

### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	58	—	75	= 0	x \$	18.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	9	—	9	= 0	x \$	86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$	290.00	= \$ 0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for One month:

Fee: \$110.00

### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$110.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$880.00

### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check No. 24714 is attached for the sum of \$880.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 50-2548.

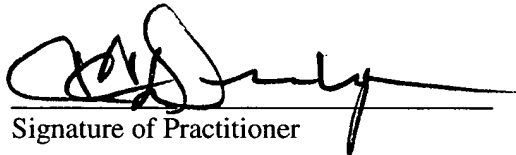
### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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